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May 12, 2015

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE EXPENDITURES FOR THE
DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS
WOMEN'S VETERANS PROGRAM
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval of incidental expenses to support the Women's Veterans Program at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall through Fiscal Year 2014-15 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$14,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

Authorize the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA), or her designee, to incur incidental expenses above the Department's delegated authority as outlined in Section 5.40.097 of the Los Angeles County Code.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended action will support the partnership between the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Women's Veterans Advisory Committee, County departments, and more than 50 nonprofit and veterans service organizations and continue the success of the program helping reintegrate women veteran's to the civilian community. Monthly seminars and workshops offer women veterans information and resources linking them to services. It provides opportunities to interact with other women veterans for mutual support and understanding while connecting them with veteran's benefits. The program was launched in March 2014 and continues through June 2015.

This Board letter is submitted to comply with Los Angeles County Code Section 5.40.097 and County Fiscal Manual Section 4.9.0.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan in the area of Customer Service Innovation/Enhancement (Goal 2) by providing a unique form of outreach for this community using current data and statistics about the challenges that women veterans face in transitioning from the military to their community in Los Angeles County.

Further, approval of this recommended action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan in the area of Integrated Service Delivery (Goal 3). The program maximizes opportunities to improve women veteran's outcomes by leveraging resources through the integration of public and private partnerships.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommend action will not have an impact on net County cost. The program is offset by one time subvention funds received from the California Department of Veterans Affairs (Cal Vet) which is included in the Department's annual budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 5.40.097 of the County Code provides authority for expenditure of funds for incidental expenses including conferences and events. Under this section, department heads may expend up to the annual sum of \$5,000 or \$500 per occurrence for these events. Any expenditure exceeding the \$5,000 annual limit must be approved by the Board.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs with the Women Veteran's Advisory Committee held the first annual Women's event in March 2014. This event began a monthly series of seminars and workshops facilitated by subject matter experts targeting topics unique to women veterans. Government and veteran organizations and non-profits provide resources and services including benefits in the areas of health, housing, education, job training and placement, child care, legal assistance, and social networking.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this recommendation will enable the DMVA to continue its support of the monthly seminars and workshops held for women veterans at Bob Hope Patriotic Hall.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval of this request, please instruct the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors to send the

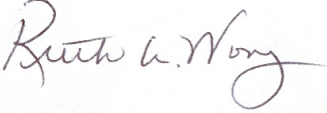
The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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original Board letter and attachments as soon as possible to:

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Ruth A. Wong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "R" and "W".

RUTH A. WONG

Acting Director

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Enclosures

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel
Chief Executive Officer